



# Superload Permits

It is the responsibility of the permittee to reduce all over dimension and/or overweight loads to the least possible dimension and weight prior to application for a permit.

**Superload permits are defined as:**

- Weight** in excess of 132,000 lbs. gross weight.
- Weights** on axles/axle groupings that exceed permit policy.
- Width** in excess of 15 feet.

- Ⓡ **Valid** for 10 calendar days for 1 single trip with ***no return trip*** (a return trip must be submitted by separate application if needed).
- Ⓡ **Identified** by both tractor and trailer license and serial #'s.
- Ⓡ **Issued** to the registered owner of the power unit,
- Ⓡ **Application Fee** - \$100 non-refundable application fee due and payable when application is submitted for review (width less than 17 ft. wide is not charged an application fee).
- Ⓡ **Permit Fee** – a **base fee** of \$12 for each over legal dimension of height, length, width or weight will be charged in addition to a fee of \$3.00 per 1,000 lbs. over 132,000 lbs. gross weight.
- Ⓡ **Processing Time** – At least 10 working days prior to the anticipated date of movement,
- Ⓡ **Requested by** submitting Form PF 20 (Superload Permit application including axles spacings and axle weights). Superloads for overwidth require documentation of variance(s) from the shipper.
- Ⓡ **Route of Travel** – exact origin, detailed route of travel and specific destination. County/state road numbers and routes are required.

## Weights:

Maximum is determined by the total number of axles, design of axle configurations and the bridge structures being crossed along the specific route of travel.

## Travel:

### **Restricted Sunrise to Sunset – Monday through Saturday**

(Unless otherwise specified on the permit in the via route section)

**Continuous Travel** – 24 hours/7 days is ***not*** authorized for any superload permit.

**Convoy:** Permitted vehicle combinations are not authorized to travel in convoy. Travel distance to be a minimum of two (2) miles apart. *Exception: SHP escort, if required, has the authority to determine travel time and number of permitted vehicle combinations.*

**Safety Devices:**

- Flags:**           **Color** – red or orange  
                      **Size** – 18 inch square  
                      **Placement** – all four corners at widest point of overwidth or as specified on the permit
- Banners:**       **Size** – length 7 ft. x 18 inch high  
                      **Lettering** – black 10 inch high with 1.5 inch brush strokes  
                      **Color** – yellow  
                      **Placement** – banner is to be displayed on the front and rear bumpers of any permitted vehicle combination more than 10 ft. wide. (May be two separate banners totaling a length of 7 ft. to provide for display of registration plates/decals).

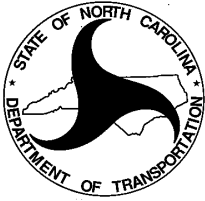
**Escort(s):**

- ® All escorts are required to have an approved certification.
- ® Front escort for permitted loads more than 12 ft. wide on two-lane/two-way traffic highways and to move as a rear escort on multi-lane highways or as determined and stated on the permit document by issuing agent.
- ® A total of three (3) escorts may be required for permitted loads in excess of 15 ft. in width, one of which must be NC State Highway Patrol.
- ® Rear escort required for permitted loads exceeding 100 ft. in length or rear overhang 15' or greater.
- ® Front escort required for weight of 150,000 lbs. or greater.
- ® Front height pole equipped escort vehicle for permitted loads exceeding 14 ft. 5 in. in height.
- ® Additional escorts may be required for any vehicle or vehicle combination with individual consideration of weight, width, length, height, weather, geographical location or route of travel as determined by issuing agent.  
(See Publication E-9)

**Policy:**

- ® Superload permit policy provides for superload applications to remain in an approved pending issue file for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days from date of receipt. Bridge engineering studies expire after 90 days and the application is considered void.
- ® Minimum of 16 working hours are required prior to any inquiry for status of superload permit applications.
- ® To activate a superload permit application, a call to the Central Permit Office is required to verify effective date, origin and destination and all license numbers. Permits are not issued from applications until an activation call is received.

**Superload Inquiries 1-888-221-8166**



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Oversize/Overweight Permit Office  
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Raleigh, NC 27610**

**SUPERLOAD PERMIT APPLICATION**

*Telephone: 1-888-221-8166*

*Fax: (919) 733-7828*

**TO RECEIVE BY:**

☐ Permit Wire Service

NAME OF PERMIT WIRE SERVICE

☐ Credit Card

(\$10.00 Authorization/Transmittal Fee)

(CREDIT CARD NUMBER)

(EXPIRATION DATE)

☐ Direct Fax

DIRECT FAX ACCOUNT NUMBER

☐ Pickup

☐ Cash ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

Refer to Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(For quick reference)

Fee: \$100 application fee (non-refundable)

\$12-width

\$12-length

\$12-height

\$12-weight

\$3 per 1,000 lbs. over 132,000 lbs.

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
REGISTERED OWNER / LESSEE

**DELIVER BY:** ☐ FAX ☐ EMAIL

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
AREA CODE

Email \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Registered License Wt. \_\_\_\_\_ Total No. Axles of Combination \_\_\_\_\_

Extreme Wheelbase Measurement (Hub to Hub) of Vehicle/Vehicle Combination \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Overall: Width \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Front Overhang \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Rear Overhang \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Trailer Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Commodity ☐ Transported ☐ Towed \_\_\_\_\_

Origin \_\_\_\_\_ Destination \_\_\_\_\_  
(Exact Location/Address/Jct.) (Exact Location/Address/Jct.)

Requested route(s) of travel \_\_\_\_\_  
(To include specific County Road Numbers, NC, US and Interstate Routes)

Truck/Truck Tractor License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Serial/VIN (last 5 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Serial/VIN (last 5 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

DRAW SCHEMATICS WITH AXLE SPACINGS AND AXLE WEIGHTS

**YOUR PERMIT APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETED AS REQUIRED. ALLOW AT LEAST 16 WORKING HOURS PRIOR TO INQUIRY REFERENCE STATUS OF PERMIT APPLICATION.**